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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: L. Wong  
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: Group Art Unit: 1761  
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: Filed: February 16, 2001 )  
: For: PROCESS FOR MAKING )  
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DIMETHYLBUTYL)-L- $\alpha$ -ASPARTYL]- )  
L-PHENYLALANINE 1-METHYL )  
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TRANSMITTAL OF OFFICIAL ACTION RESPONSE AND PETITION FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the official action dated February 12, 2003 in the above referenced application. Applicant respectfully requests a three month extension of time to file this response. Please deduct the \$930.00 extension fee and any other necessary fees from Deposit Account 14-1451.

Respectfully submitted,

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Please amend the application as follows:

Amend claims 59 and 84: